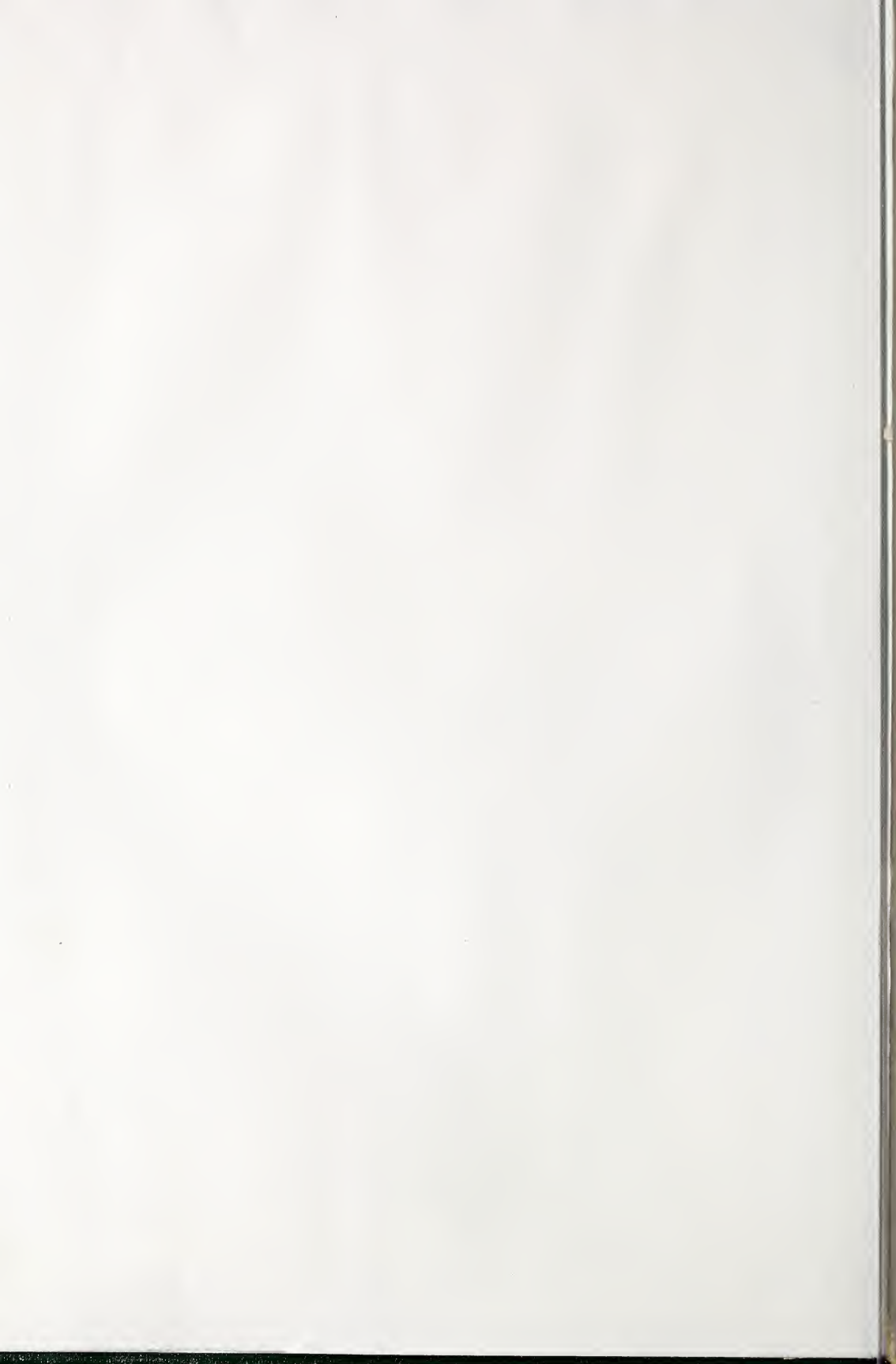






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Officers of the Town of Belgrade

FOR THE YEAR 1914-1915

Moderator

E. F. YEATON

Town Clerk

E. H. MOSHER

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

H. H. ADAMS

L. A. BARTLETT

D. C. STEVENS

Treasurer

E. H. MOSHER

Collector

F. B. ALBEE

School Committee

H. O. PRAY

W. T. LARKIN

C. E. TILLSON

Superintendent of Schools

T. W. McQUAIDE

Road Commissioners

HERBERT BICKFORD

RUEL LAMB

Constable

HOWARD E. GOWELL

Sexton

CHARLES B. STUART

Cemetery Committee

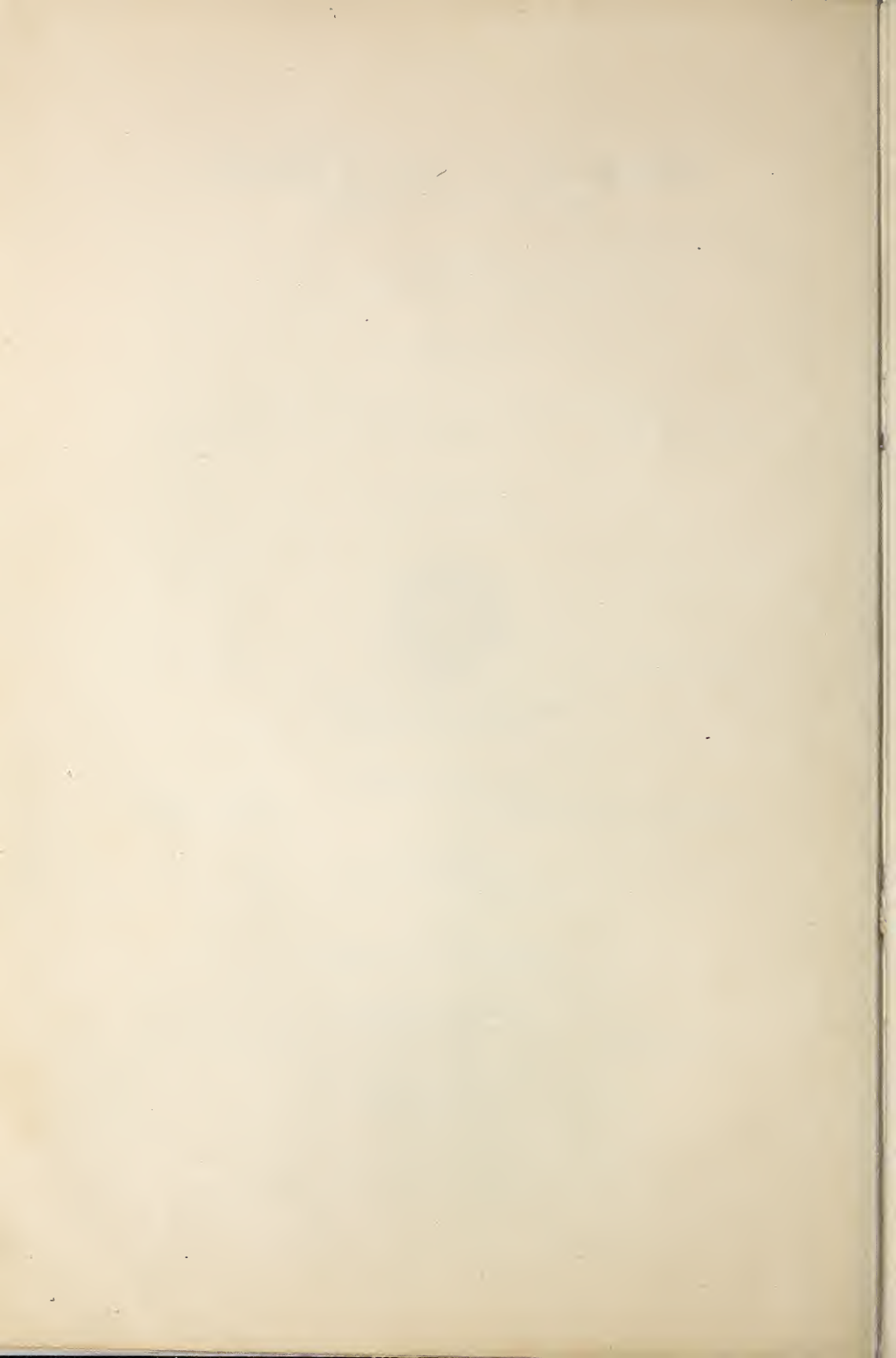
E. W. TOWLE

GEO. P. BUCKNAM

J. M. CUMMINGS

Sealer of Weights and Measures

F. C. FOSTER



Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of the Town of Belgrade;

We herewith submit our annual report for the year ending
February 14, 1915.

RESIDENT REAL ESTATE

Land values	\$144, 110.00
Building values	199, 790.00
	<hr/> \$343, 900.00

NON-RESIDENT REAL ESTATE

Land values	\$59, 350.00
Building values	84, 990.00
	<hr/> \$144, 340.00
Personal Estate, resident	102, 778.00
Personal Estate, non-resident	26, 070.00
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Total	\$617, 088.00
Amount of tax on above	\$12, 650.30
305 polls, at \$3.00	915.00
Fractional gain	.19
	<hr/> \$13, 565.49

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1914

State tax	\$2, 664.29
County tax	887.18
Town charges	1, 000.00
Support of Common Schools	1, 000.00
Repair of schoolhouses	200.00
Repair of roads and brigdes	2, 500.00
Snow bills for year 1913-1914	1, 000.00

Bridges right of way	200.00
State Aid Highway	533.00
Horn Point road	500.00
Weights and Measures	150.00
Books for Common Schools	150.00
Support of Free High School	400.00
Books for free high school	150.00
Fire Ward	25.00
Cemetery purposes	100.00
Superintendent of Schools	135.00
Picking Brown-tail moths	1,000.00
Purchase of Hearse	550.00
John Tibbetts, for Horse	150.00
State Road Maintenance	60.00
Overlay	210.83
Fractional gain	.19
Supplementary Tax	2.10
Gathering moths on private property	36.56

Total commitment	\$13,604.15
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LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Live Stock

<i>No.</i>	<i>Av. Val.</i>	<i>Total Val.</i>
358 Horses	\$95.68	\$34,250.00
13 Colts, 3 to 4 years old	111.53	1,450.00
6 Colts, 2 to 3 years old	72.50	435.00
18 Colts, under 2 years old	54.72	985.00
487 Cows	28.51	13,885.00
22 Oxen	43.63	960.00
143 3-year olds	25.07	3,585.00
185 2-year olds	21.15	3,915.00
228 1-year olds	12.19	2,780.00
497 Sheep	3.00	1,491.00
148 Swine	12.64	1,872.00

Total	\$65,608.00
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ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bank Stock	\$ 400.00
Stock in trade	8,050.00
Launches and Boats, 156	15,690.00
Logs and lumber	13,650.00
Wood and Bark	600.00
Automobiles, 22	9,025.00
Motor cycles, 3	200.00
Musical Instruments, 52	4,850.00
Furniture	4,450.00
Machinery not taxed as Real Estate	6,525.00
Total	<hr/> \$63,440.00

PAID BILLS ACCRUED PRIOR TO FEB. 14, 1914

E. E. Dunn, services as Selectman	\$88.00
A. L. Cottle, services as Selectman	50.00
W. P. Sawtelle, services as Selectman	38.00
E. H. Mosher, services as Town Clerk	10.00
E. H. Mosher, memorial services 1913	10.00
Wallace S. Ladd, printing reports	40.00
Wallace S. Ladd, printing moth cards	1.75
Total	<hr/> \$237.75

ABATEMENTS FOR 1915

Nelson Blaise, residence unknown	\$3.00
E. A. Bean, paid in Auburn	3.00
James Bartlett, Augusta town charge	3.00
Roland Clement, out of state	3.00
C. J. Cooper, under age	3.00
G. Guynor, out of state	3.00
Charles Harris, residence unknown	3.00
D. Hawler, residence unknown	3.00
Elmer Morrill, unable to pay	3.00
W. H. Matthew, residence unknown	3.00

Albert McKay, residence unknown	3.00
Oscar Peavy, residence unknown	3.00
Edward Robinson, residence unknown	3.00
S. L. Spaulding, deceased	3.00
Ralph Sturtevant, paid elsewhere	3.00
F. D. Larrabee, on account sickness	3.00
F. D. Thwing, paid in Oakland	3.00
C. H. Wyman, paid in Mass.	3.00
C. H. Storer, residence unknown	3.82
Chas. S. Duke, boat sold	2.56
E. Hall, residence unknown	4.10
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	\$64.48

CEMETERY APPROPRIATION

For Cemetery purposes	\$100.00	
Received from sale of hay	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$110.00
Paid on orders cemetery committee		193.60
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Overdrawn		\$83.60

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

For Purchase of Hearse		\$550.00
Paid J. H. Thing for same		550.00
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To reimburse John Tibbetts for horse		\$150.00
Paid John Tibbetts for same		150.00
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For Weights and Measures		\$150.00
Paid the Fairbanks Co.	\$150.00	
For freight on same	5.24	
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	\$155.24	
Received from Town of Sidney	65.12	
	<hr/>	90.12
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Unexpended		\$59.88

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR, 1915

On Account of Jane Mignault	\$132.00
Town of Abbott, on account Laura Couley	34.16
Dr. Williams, on account Fred Holmes	5.00
Henry W. Plummer, on account Fred Holmes	8.00
Dr. L. E. Reynolds, on account Fred Holmes	5.00
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	\$184.16

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

On account of Evelyn Palmer	\$120.00
Due from Oakland on 1913 account	22.25
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	\$142.25
Received from Oakland	115.58
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Due from Oakland	\$26.67
On account Maurice Gordon, of Augusta	\$80.35
Due from Augusta, for same	80.35
On account Anthony Paige	\$35.00
Due from State	35.00

SHEEP ACCOUNT

Paid Foster Bros.	\$70.00
Paid Clarence Chase	12.00
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	\$82.00
Due from State	\$82.00

FOR GATHERING BROWN TAIL MOTHS 1914

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Paid Elmer Morrill	\$37.62	
Clyde Varney	10.50	
Milford Childs	5.25	
Page Pulsifer	6.13	
M. M. Larkin	7.58	
Ed. Burgess	5.24	
Philip Chandler	36.74	
A. M. Johnson	8.75	
Ralph Brown	22.75	
Percy Yeaton	14.00	
W. O. Willey & Son	10.50	
Leon H. Kelley	10.07	
C. H. Mills	12.25	
Ernest Yeaton	14.00	
Yeaton Bros.	17.50	
William Wallace	10.50	
E. A. Wallace	6.12	
W. C. Mills	3.50	
Will Foster	2.50	
Henry Warren	7.00	
C. A. Stevens	6.00	
C. E. Brown	14.00	
Charles Farnham	.75	
M. L. Cook	3.50	
Clarence Chase	3.50	
Evans Minot	2.62	
	<hr/>	\$278.87
Unexpended		<hr/> \$721.13

**PAID FOR GATHERING MOTHS ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY**

Paid for gathering moths on private property	\$36.56
Received from F. B. Albee, for same	\$36.56

GATHERING MOTHS, 1915

Paid O. W. Richards	\$5.00
Herbert Scribner	2.40
Vernon Kelley	2.80
W. C. Mills	2.30
Clyde J. Varney	6.00
V. L. Foster	2.60
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	\$21.10

Estimated cost to finish picking the balance for 1915	\$15.00
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1914-15

Paid W. S. Ladd, blank notes	\$ 1.25
American Express Co.	.26
S. Blaisdell, account tramps	9.00
L. E. Reynolds, M. D., antitox- in for Mrs. E. Farnham	11.66
L. E. Reynolds, M. D., disinfecting Ellery Farnham's house	8.16
Charles H. Chandler, ballot clerk	4.00
E. W. Rogers, ballot clerk	4.00
W. T. Larkin, election clerk	4.00
J. M. Cummings, election clerk	4.00
Russell & Weston, blankets for tramp house	6.60
James Tibbetts, truant officer	2.00
James Tibbetts, labor on tramp house	1.50
Belgrade Grange, rent of hall	25.00
E. H. Mosher, books and stationery	26.09
E. H. Mosher, food for tramps	2.75
Effie M. Adams, for making ticks for tramp house	1.00
James Lombard, rent of land for tramp house from April 1, 1912 to April 1, 1915	6.00
Dr. L. E. Reynolds, reporting births and deaths	2.25
E. F. Yeaton, services as Moderator	3.00

H. E. Gowell, services as Constable and care of tramps	16.84
H. H. Adams, postage, stationery, etc.	5.00
E. P. Williams, M. D., reporting births and deaths	1.75
F. S. Milliken, M. D., reporting births and deaths	1.00
W. C. Blake, M. D., reporting births and deaths	2.25
M. S. Holmes, M. D., reporting births and deaths	1.25
E. H. Mosher, recording births and deaths	7.30
E. H. Mosher, postage	2.96
F. C. Foster, services as Sealer of Weights and Measures	7.50
F. B. Albee, abatements	64.48
F. B. Albee, commission as Collector	225.00
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	\$457.85

RECAPITULATION

Paid bills accrued prior to Feb. 14, 1914	\$237.75	
Abatements 1914	64.48	
Support of Poor	184.16	
Miscellaneous Expenses	457.85	
	<hr/>	\$944.24
Appropriation town Charges	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$55.76
Unexpended balance		

Orders drawn on

Guy A. Yeaton, winter 1912-13	\$ 1.75
Herbert Alexander, summer 1913	43.40
Herbert Alexander, winter 1913-14	732.89
William Wadleigh, 1913-14	258.08
Ruel Lamb, summer 1914	1,168.72
Ruel Lamb, winter 1914-15	15.50
Herbert Bickford, summer 1914	1,316.14
Herbert Bickford, winter 1914-15	8.00
Herbert Bickford, Bridges road	140.75

Herbert Bickford, Horse Point	491.60
Herbert Bickford, State Aid Highway	985.09
Herbert Bickford, Automobile Fund	127.20
Herbert Bickford, State Aid Highway	194.18

Total Highway Orders drawn	\$5,483.30
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Total School Orders drawn	\$4,860.67
Total Town Orders drawn	2,656.56

HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS

Summer, 1914	\$2,500.00
Snow bills, 1913-14	1,000.00
Bridges road	200.00
State Aid Highway, by Town	533.00
Horse Point Road	500.00
State Aid Highway, by State	533.00
Automobile Fund	180.84
State Maintenance Fund	145.55
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	\$5,592.39
Total Highway Orders drawn	5,483.30

Unexpended balance	\$109.09
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RESOURCES

Cash in Treasury	\$393.92
Due from Mount Vernon common schools	75.00
Due from Sidney, on account High School	36.00
Due from State, dog tax refunded	100.00
Due from State, on account sheep killed by dogs	82.00
Due from State, burial expenses A. Pager	35.00
Due from Oakland, account Evelyn Palmer	26.67
Due from Augusta, account Maurice Gordon	80.35
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	\$828.94

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LIABILITIES

Due	H. H. Adams, services as Selectman	\$90.00
	L. A. Bartlett, services as Selectman	66.00
	D. C. Stevens, services as Selectman	50.00
	E. H. Mosher	10.00
	Outstanding Town Orders	71.08
	Printing Reports	35.00
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		\$322.08
Resources above Liabilities		\$506.86

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. ADAMS,
L. A. BARTLETT,
D. C. STEVENS,

Selectmen of Belgrade.

Report of Treasurer.

TOWN OF BELGRADE IN ACCOUNT WITH E. H. MOSHER, TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1914

Dr.

To paid Treasury notes	\$5,800.00
Interest	210.35
Town Orders	2,585.48
Road Orders	5,488.90
School Orders	4,860.67
State Treasurer, dog tax 1914	140.00
State tax year 1914	2,664.29
County tax	887.18
State pensions	63.00
State Treasurer, Belgrade's part of Main- tenance Fund	48.63
State Treasurer's commission	50.00
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	\$22,798.50
To Cash in Treasury	393.92
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	\$23,192.42

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Cash on hand, March 2, 1914	\$269.55
Rec'd from F. B. Collector 1914	13,604.15
State Treasurer, School Fund and Mill Tax	1,819.25
State Treasurer, R. R. and Tel. Tax	13.00
State Treasurer, Account State Pensions	63.00
State Treasurer, Dog Tax refunded	117.12
State Treasurer, Account High School	500.00
State Treasurer, Automobile Fund	127.20
State Treasurer, Imp. State Roads	452.09
State Treasurer, Account Highway	194.18

Rec'd cash and gave Treasury notes	5,300.00
Rec'd from Town of Rome, for schools 1913	129.60
Town of Rome, for schools 1914	134.52
Town of Mt. Vernon, for schools 1913	52.00
Rec'd from Acme Amusement Co., license	20.00
E. H. Mosher, Town Clerk, dog tax	140.00
Geo. P. Bucknam, sale hay in cemetery	10.00
Town of Oakland, account Mrs. Palmer	115.58
Culvert Co., freight refunded	5.06
Town of Sidney, account schools 1913	36.00
Town of Sidney, account Weights and Measures	65.12
Sale of one burial lot	25.00
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	\$23,192.42

E. H. MOSHER, *Treasurer.*

Road Commissioners' Report

Summer, 1914

N. H. Varney	\$12.00
D. McCurdy	3.50
C. B. Brooks	7.00
C. H. Yeaton	9.75
James Watson	237.00
John Wadleigh	47.50
Ed. Wadleigh	21.75
Ruel Lamb	242.50
Archie Bickford	22.62
Leslie Bickford	20.99
Perley Percival	73.63
J. W. Penney	5.20
Herbert Brooks	16.63
Willis Childs	.80
Alonzo Hill	15.38
George Stoddard	22.50
Manley Childs	3.50
W. Knowles	9.00
Don Nutt	14.01
J. Burke	3.50
Walter Buker	1.75
Berger Mfg. Co.	176.00
Ernest Yeaton	12.25
Percy Yeaton	15.75
Raymond Yeaton	14.87
Wadleigh Bros.	9.00
S. Blaisdell	82.83
W. J. Spaulding	8.00
Austin Kenney	5.00
Samuel Whitehouse	5.25
W. H. Sprague	7.00

E. E. Dunn	15.00	
Clyde Varney	.75	
E. H. Mosher	10.88	
R. N. Guptill	15.63	
	<hr/>	\$1,168.72

Winter, 1914-15

John Wadleigh	\$ 4.50	
Ruel Lamb	11.00	
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RUEL LAMB,
Road Commissioner.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**Summer, 1914**

Parker Clement	\$ 5.25
George Pratt	46.00
H. C. Mills	13.50
W. H. Knowles	148.00
C. L. Spencer	23.63
Anson Quimby	35.00
Herbert Alexander	279.50
H. A. Bickford	258.12
Ralph Brown	53.25
E. W. Towle	27.20
J. W. Alexander	33.25
George Davis	14.00
J. Merrow	3.50
Harry Bickford	11.62
A. R. McIntire	15.00
Morrison Libby	4.92
Berger Mfg. Co.	97.20
Fred Patten	4.25
Charles Mills	1.75

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F. E. Clement	10.00
Fred Newcomb	2.62
Leroy Cook	3.75
Pine Land Lumber Co.	9.00
New England Machinery Co.	8.50
W. H. Ellis	19.25
C. E. Tilson	25.24
F. E. Bunker, watering trough and labor	6.00
S. Blaisdell	10.47
Frank Lord	6.75
F. W. Pray	13.25
Page Pulsifer	.87
John Stanley	10.20
W. J. Foster	5.00
Arthur Bashier	1.75
J. W. Carrol	1.70
Ernest Bachelder	4.00
G. G. Stevens	4.00
Charles Tobin	6.20
H. L. Parker	4.17
C. J. Anderson	.70
E. H. Mosher	5.07
E. C. Lord	2.37
F. W. Pray	4.00
W. L. Withers	38.97
	<hr/> \$1,278.77

Winter, 1914-1915

H. C. Mills \$8.00

HERBERT BICKFORD,
Road Commissioner.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Winter, 1913-1914

Andy Buker	\$8.00
Herbert Brooks	1.75
John Wadleigh	12.00

Bert Damren	13.75
A. M. Johnson	1.75
E. H. Wadleigh	12.00
O. H. Gowell	8.05
Geo. A. Stoddard	16.00
William Wadleigh	11.00
J. W. Penney	.75
John Tibbetts	3.13
Fred Tibbetts	6.45
Rodney Tibbetts	20.00
Roy Yeaton	4.50
C. L. Richardson	3.15
A. C. Dudley	12.00
Pray Brothers	16.05
Arthur Piper	3.50
Albert Ashland	2.85
Joseph Ashland	7.30
A. M. Wadleigh	8.15
Christina Bartlett	9.10
John Hanson	1.00
Lawrence Minot	2.00
Charles Webster	1.00
Raymond Yeaton	3.50
Ernest Yeaton	5.50
John E. Ham	6.75
L. F. Hill	4.00
O. H. Groves	5.15
E. C. Knowles	16.00
E. E. Dunn	11.95
Frank Dunn	6.00
C. L. Richardson	2.50
R. N. Guptill	10.50
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	\$258.08

WILLIAM WADLEIGH,

Road Commissioner.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Winter, 1913-1914

H. C. Mills	\$20.13
Clyde Damren	5.25
Howard Bickford	29.25
Ed. Burgess	5.10
A. R. McIntire	21.50
R. B. Wyman	13.50
M. K. Stevens	10.20
Albert Furbush	17.80
H. L. Alexander	32.25
Geo. Davis	1.50
Herbert Bickford	36.00
W. P. Sawtelle	22.10
A. E. Page	37.50
Charles Boynton	1.50
Leon Kelley	2.40
Wm. O. Willey	25.69
Elmer Knox	2.70
H. C. Mills	10.50
Vernon W. Kelley	1.95
H. W. Scribner	8.00
F. A. Scribner	16.30
Roy A. Cook	10.10
Ed. Carter	3.00
Charles H. Chandler	3.69
Phillip Chandler	10.49
E. A. Wallace	3.90
C. B. Stuart	9.00
Harry Bickford	8.90
Will Foster	3.80
Forest Stevens	3.98
William Wallace	2.70
Albert Furbush	5.00
George Eldridge	4.50

E. L. Page	5.25
John Stanley	10.20
Oral D. Page	1.50
Charles Rowe	11.77
M. M. Larkin	11.55
W. T. Larkin	12.85
G. G. Stevens	5.50
W. H. Knowles	9.00
J. H. Warren	8.25
Elmer Chandler	1.36
A. P. Farnham	3.00
H. C. Mills	13.50
F. W. Newcomb	12.00
Charles Farnham	.75
W. E. Farnham	1.75
W. P. Cummings	10.50
M. L. Cook	14.00
Herbert Alexander	31.00
H. H. Page	36.75
C. W. Moody	3.90
F. E. Clement	6.36
E. L. Bachelder	2.62
Foster Bros.	13.50
C. E. Tilson	9.00
L. A. Yeaton	36.00
C. L. Willey	3.00
James Stevens	25.20
Frank Kelley	2.10
D. A. Cook	5.25
E. C. Lord	3.30
F. J. Lord	28.00
E. S. Farnham	4.00
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	\$732.89

HERBERT ALEXANDER,

Road Commissioner.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Bridges Road

Anson Quimby	\$12.00	
Russell Yeaton	8.75	
Herbert Alexander	33.00	
George Hutchings	10.50	
C. A. Moulton	8.75	
Rodney Tibbetts	31.25	
H. A. Bickford	12.00	
George Pratt	12.00	
Arthur Lord	12.50	
	<hr/>	\$140.75

HERBERT BICKFORD,
Road Commissioner.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Horse Point Road

Carl Spencer	\$25.38
J. W. Alexander	23.19
Louville Cook	23.20
Minnie Cook	8.75
Henry McCormack	16.62
George Pratt	7.88
Anson Quimby	27.13
Ed. Burgess	26.25
Alvah Watson	56.25
Herbert Alexander	50.00
H. A. Bickford	86.37
Elias Stevens	14.50
E. S. Willey	8.30

A. M. Alexander	11.25	
Howard Bickford	22.50	
Will Ellis	25.38	
Berger Mfg. Co.	51.65	
Willis Stevens	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$491.60
Appropriation		500.00
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Unexpended		\$8.40

HERBERT BICKFORD,

Road Commissioner.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

State Aid Highway

A. M. Alexander	\$40.50
Fred Tibbetts	18.37
Herbert Scribner	10.00
Rodney Tibbetts	47.25
C. E. Farnham	28.00
Leon Farnham	21.00
Lester Perkins	6.00
Vernon Kelley	36.87
Vernon Foster	27.13
Foster Bros.	73.25
H. C. Mills	90.00
D. F. Lynch	28.00
L. A. Yeaton	90.00
Charles Brown	19.25
William White	8.75

W. H. Knowles	40.50	
Charles Stevens	12.25	
Charles Tobin	10.00	
F. E. Clement	47.33	
C. E. Tilson	29.25	
W. E. Farnham	81.00	
C. E. Tilson	33.04	
Herbert Bickford	91.00	
Henry McCormack	12.25	
A. M. Alexander	72.00	
Arthur Lord	9.20	
Ernest Bachelder	5.10	
Frank Lord	77.80	
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		\$985.09

HERBERT BICKFORD,

Road Commissioner.

AUTOMOBILE FUND

George Hutchings	\$40.00	
George Pratt	14.00	
John Hugree	32.00	
Herbert Alexander	41.20	
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	\$127.20	
Available from State	180.84	
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Unexpended balance		\$53.64

HERBERT BICKFORD,

Road Commissioner.

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

C. A. Moulton	\$14.00	
Mrs. C. C. Pray	5.30	
Fred Newcomb	36.75	
Herbert Alexander	133.50	
E. C. Lord	4.63	
	<hr/>	\$194.18
Received from State		194.18
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HERBERT BICKFORD,
Road Commissioner.

Report of School Committee

At a meeting held Feb. 2, 1915, it was voted to recommend that the town raise the following amounts for school purposes, viz:

For Free High Schools	\$850.00
Common Schools	1,350.00
Text-books and supplies for High and Common Schools	300.00
Repairs of School Property	200.00
Superintendent's Salary	135.00

H. O. PRAY,
W. T. LARKIN,
C. E. TILLSON,

Superintending School Committee.

School Report

In accordance with the provisions of the school law, I herewith submit to you and, through you, to the citizens of Belgrade, my annual report for the town year 1914-15.

Upon assuming charge of the schools a year ago, it soon became apparent that, before we could hope for any permanent improvement in our schools, three things would be necessary:— First, a higher standard of teaching ability. Second, a greater interest in the schools on the part of parents and citizens. Third, a supply of modern text-books and necessary educational material.

It is evident that we have had a few very good teachers in our schools, but it is equally evident that we have had too many of the other kind. Some of our citizens seem to be under the impression that any teacher is good enough for a rural school. This is a great mistake. The conditions are such that the rural schools require the best teachers that can be had. Many parents will never be able to give their children anything more than an education. That education should be the best the town can afford. Some of our citizens may feel that we cannot afford to employ the best teachers for all of our small rural schools but there is no logical reason why we cannot afford to employ better teachers than many of our children have had in past years.

The employment of competent teachers, however, is not the only thing to be taken into consideration. In some cases the efficiency of the teacher is lessened by the attitude of the parents toward the school. Many parents take no interest whatever in the education of their children. Very few parents ever visit the schools and, consequently, there is no co-operation between the home and the school. Practically all of the misunderstandings which result in criticism and fault-finding over school affairs are due to the fact that the parent does not understand what the teacher is trying to accomplish. The average teach-

er, who has made a study of teaching, is more competent to train a child properly than the average parent, who has not. Moreover, the average teacher is as much interested in the real welfare of the child under her care as the average parent. If parents could be made to understand these matters, what wonderful results could be accomplished by parent and teacher co-operating and working together for the good of the child, instead of pulling in opposite directions, as many now do, neither one having any conception of what the other is trying to do.

Irregularity in attendance is especially noticeable in some of our schools. This seems to be divided into two classes. Some parents do not seem to understand that it is necessary for the child to attend school regularly. If they think the child is needed at home they let him stay out of school one-third or one-half of the time and then blame the teacher because the child does not progress as rapidly as the children who have attended regularly. The impression seems to prevail that it is of no consequence if a child loses 2 or 3 days of school every week or two; that he can easily make it up. This is a great mistake. It is almost impossible for a child to make up time lost in school and, in many cases, his loss is much greater than the time he actually misses. Suppose, for instance, that your boy misses 2 or 3 days while his class is taking up, for the first time, some important principle of arithmetic. When he goes back to school he cannot do the problems in his lesson because he has missed the explanations necessary to enable him to understand them. A little later on the same thing is repeated, and the situation becomes even worse. By the time the child stays away in this manner three or four times, he loses so much of the substance of his studies that he cannot understand his lessons; he becomes thoroughly discouraged and loses all interest in his school work, and consequently makes no progress. No matter how hard the teacher may try, she cannot make up to the child what he has missed. It might be possible to do so in the city schools where a teacher has only one or two grades, but in our rural schools, where the teacher is liable to have every grade from the first to the ninth, her time is so completely taken up

with the regular class work that she has no time for special work.

Then there are other cases where the parents seem to spend most of their time inventing excuses for keeping their children out of school. In these cases the welfare of the child demands the enforcement of the truancy law. We were obliged to resort to this measure in a few cases and there were others where we were unable to do so on account of the fact that no competent person could be found in that district who was willing to serve as truant officer. Satisfactory arrangements have recently been made, however, to enable us to enforce the truancy law in all parts of the town.

Passing from the parent to the citizen, we find a condition where much good could be accomplished if the citizens would take more interest in the schools. Many citizens who have no children in the schools seem to feel that school affairs do not concern them in the least. This is another serious mistake. The education of our children is the most important feature of our municipal life. The whole welfare of our town, its commercial and social conditions, its desirability as a place to live, all depend largely upon the education of our young people. It is, therefore, the urgent duty of every man and woman in the town to take an active interest in our schools and in everything else that relates to the welfare of the child.

One of the first things to demand attention at the beginning of the present year was the scarcity of suitable text-books. At first this condition seemed difficult to account for as the town reports showed that appropriations for this purpose had been fairly liberal. Further investigation, however, seemed to justify the belief that the shortage was due, in part at least, to the fact that there was no system of keeping account of and taking care of the books after they were placed in the schools. It also developed that considerable loss had been occasioned by persons entering the schools after hours or during vacations and destroying and carrying off books, as well as damaging other school property. Some of this damage was blamed on the "help" from the summer hotels and cottages, some schools near the

railroad had been entered by tramps, our own children were responsible for some of the damage, while other cases were chargeable to adults who were certainly old enough to know better. All schoolhouse doors and windows are now provided with locks so the buildings can be securely fastened. Any person who now enters the buildings out of school hours will have to break in, thereby committing a felony which is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

All the books are now labelled and numbered. An account is kept with each school showing all the books it contains. The teacher keeps a record of the books issued to each pupil and he is held responsible for their proper care. Once a month the teacher inspects all the books in her school to see that no books are missing and that no damage has been done other than the ordinary wear. Similar records are kept in the office of the Superintendent.

Before the close of the present school year a printed course of study covering all the work of our common schools will be provided and the schools graded accordingly. We have been unable to do this earlier owing to the fact that there were not enough standard text-books in the schools to form the basis of a complete course of study.

Your school committee recommends that the town raise the following amounts for schools next year, viz:—

Free High School	\$850.00
Common schools	1,350.00
Text-books and supplies for High and Common schools	300.00
Repairs	200.00
Superintendent's salary	135.00

Our High School appropriation last year was almost \$200.00 short of the amount required to maintain it at the prices paid at that time. It also appears that we have not been taking any account of the charge for high school janitor service, and the wood has been charged to the common school fuel account. This

method is irregular. We will have to include these items in the High School account in the future as there is no other account to which they may properly be charged.

Last year, with a balance of \$27.41, we raised \$400.00, received \$500.00 from the State and \$36.00 from tuition, making our High School resources for the year \$963.41. We were paying the Principal \$700.00, assistant \$324.00, janitor \$36.00, and about \$60.00 for fuel, making a total expense of \$1,120.00. In addition to this, recent laws have been passed which obliged us to pay an advanced price to secure an assistant who came up to the State requirements. Under these circumstances it was necessary to overdraw the High School account in order to maintain the school.

We are facing a serious situation as regards our high school. The work of the school has, on the whole, never been up to the standard requirements, and therefore it has not been satisfactory to the State Department of Education. We have now reached the point where we will have to make the High School what it should be or we will lose the State aid, which means losing the school. Our weak point for years has been too many incompetent teachers and too frequent changes of teachers. As a matter of fact, we have been using our young people as material for experiments and have been spending our High School money in conducting a training school for teachers, for the benefit of other towns. So far as our records show we have never kept a teacher longer than a year and, in many cases, changes have had to be made during the year. If we happened to get a teacher who proved to be competent, some other town would offer him more money and we would be obliged to go through the "breaking in" process all over again. If, on the other hand, our teacher proved to be unsatisfactory, we would have to let him go and hire another one who, perhaps, proved to be no better. This has been one of our fortunate years. Both principal and assistant have proved to be competent, and the school, on the whole, is doing very satisfactory work. But we cannot keep these people at the prices we are paying them. We cannot expect to secure and retain competent teachers unless we pay them as much as other

towns are paying, which is from \$900.00 to \$1,000.00 for a principal, and \$450.00 to \$500.00 for an assistant. The request for next year's appropriation is based on the lesser figures.

In the matter of common schools, the law requiring the state certification of teachers, which went into effect last September, has tended to advance the wages of teachers all along the line. Its influence, however, is especially felt in the rural towns. Its requirements have barred out many of that class of teachers which we have depended on for our smaller rural schools, thereby making it necessary for us to look for a higher grade of teaching ability at a higher price. There is no doubt that this law will tend to bring about considerable improvement in our rural schools. It is equally certain that it will result in a considerable increase in teachers wages. It will, therefore, be necessary to increase our appropriation for Common Schools.

In the matter of text-books we have been appropriating \$150.00 for the high school and a like amount for the common schools. As the high school is now fairly well supplied while the common schools are very much in need of books, it would be advisable to combine these two items into one appropriation of \$300.00 which would enable us to use the money where it may be most needed. The accounts can be kept separately as heretofore.

In regard to repairs, the three buildings in the south part of the town should be painted this year, the Washington school at North Belgrade needs a thorough repairing inside and out and some provision should be made for storage room for high school wood. These items, in connection with the usual minor repairs, will require the amount asked for.

As the time for town elections is drawing near, I beg to offer the suggestion that it would be a great blessing to our schools if the election of the school committee were not made a political issue. Your child's education is the most important thing in his whole life, and the man who is the most competent and the most interested in giving him that education is the man who should serve on your school committee, no matter what his personal political opinions may be.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the citizens of Belgrade for the uniform kindness and courtesy which has been extended to me in all my business and social relations with you. I also wish to assure you that nothing in this report is offered in a spirit of criticism. I take it for granted that it is your desire to improve your schools, and that you look to your school officials to point out the way by which this improvement may be effected. It is with the earnest hope that the seeds sown herein may fall on fertile soil and result in a harvest of improved conditions for our young people, that this report is respectfully submitted.

T. W. McQUAIDE, *Superintendent.*

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT, 1914-1915

Resources

Balance from last year	\$ 78.17
Town Appropriation	1,000.00
Received from State	1,819.25
Received from Rome, tuition	134.52
Received from Mt. Vernon, tuition	75.00
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EXPENDITURES

For Teachers' Wages

Helen Adams	\$67.50
Martha Drummond	72.00
Ethel C. Foster	80.00
Bertha Withers	88.00
Ruth S. Stover	90.00
Bessie M. Ferguson	90.00
Winnifred A. Mansur	92.90
Alice S. McCormack	152.00
Alice Smith	178.00
Marie Pray	189.00
Alberta Yeaton	200.00
Bertha E. Bartlett	235.50
Mildred V. Williams	280.00
Maude B. Hewitt	300.00
Angie O. Bartlett	224.00
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Janitor Work and Cleaning

Mae Bickford	\$3.00
Ruth Thompson	1.50
Edward Ellis	2.25
Fred Patten	1.25
Doris Tibbetts	4.75
Ernest White	3.00
Stanley Tillson	8.25
Malcolm Whitney	4.50
Kendall Decker	2.25
Melvin Pray	4.85
J. H. Whitney	1.50
Theresa White	5.25
Alice Smith	5.25
Floyd Alexander	2.75
Orman Stevens	7.50
Bertha Bartlett	7.50
Luvita Bickford	2.50
Ruth Stover	2.50
Ethel Brooks	2.50
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	\$72.85

FUEL

James Watson	\$24.50
L. R. Bickford	6.25
A. Furbush	16.00
Howard Bickford	32.50
Joseph Ashland	16.50
S. Blaisdell	14.25
Harold Sprague	1.00
Alice Smith	1.50
C. B. Wadleigh	15.00
Bertha Bartlett	.50
C. E. Tillson	6.00
Stanley Tillson	1.50
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	\$135.50

CONVEYANCE

Fred Patten	\$70.40	
W. T. Larkin	120.00	
LeRoy Cook	76.00	
J. J. Guay	96.80	
Ella Cunningham	72.00	
H. E. Trask	6.00	
F. L. Dunn	25.60	
Mrs. Carrie Wells	7.00	
Frances Fowler	38.40	
Raymond Watson	10.50	
	<hr/>	\$522.70
E. E. Babb & Co.	\$8.56	
Franklin Journal	4.00	
E. H. Mosher	10.98	
C. J. Anderson	1.55	
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		\$3,095.04

Unexpended \$11.90

COMMON SCHOOL TEXT-BOOKS**Resources**

Balance last year	\$25.60	
Town Appropriation	150.00	
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Expenditures

Silver Burdett & Co.	\$21.36	
B. H. Sanborn & Co.	25.47	
American Book Co.	53.53	
Ginn & Co.	42.20	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.	7.32	
Sears Roebuck & Co.	8.70	
Newell White	3.50	
T. W. McQuaide	6.54	
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Unexpended \$6.98

HIGH SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES**Resources**

Town Appropriation	\$150.00
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Expenditures

L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	\$7.81
American Book Co.	2.35
D. C. Heath & Co.	1.08
Atkinson Mentzer & Co.	1.87
Charles E. Merrill Co.	6.15
B. H. Sanborn & Co.	6.12
Ginn & Co.	23.22
E. E. Babb & Co.	15.94
E. H. Mosher	5.78
Howard & Brown	6.09
G. B. Rollins	.40
T. W. McQuaide	3.11
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	\$79.92
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Unexpended	\$70.08

REPAIRS**Resources**

Balance last year	\$21.56
Town Appropriation	200.00
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	\$221.56

Expenditures

H. L. Parker	\$24.23
Chas. F. Hulin	7.50
C. E. Tillson	22.44
Alger P. Farnham	12.00
Ernest E. Johnson	12.00
Mrs. F. A. Derby	1.65
L. R. Bickford	3.00
Elmer Morrill	2.00

F. W. Pray	1.00	
Pray Brothers	13.82	
Albert Furbush	4.00	
Fred Patten	.50	
W. T. Larkin	3.00	
Howard Bickford	2.00	
C. E. Burnham	2.00	
E. H. Mosher	58.05	
H. O. Pray	7.50	\$176.69

Unexpended	\$44.87
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SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY**Resources**

Town Appropriation	\$135.00
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Expenditures

T. W. McQuaide, salary March 20, 1914 to Jan. 30, 1915	\$117.00
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Unexpended	\$18.00
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FREE HIGH SCHOOL**Resources**

Balance from last year	\$ 27.41	
Town Appropriation	400.00	
Received from State	500.00	
Tuition due from Town of Sidney	36.00	
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		\$963.41

Expenditures

G. B. Rollins, 10 weeks	\$194.45	
Mrs. G. B. Rollins, 10 weeks	90.00	
J. C. Haggerty, 26 weeks	505.55	
Helen E. Russell, 26 weeks	312.00	
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		\$1,102.00

Overdrawn	\$138.59
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Tabular Statement

Name of School	Name of Teacher	Term	Weeks				Wages per Week
			Enrollment	Average Attend.	Supt. Visits		
Adams	Martha M. Drummond	Spring	9	10	9	3	8.00
	Bertha Withers	Fall	11	10	9	4	8.00
	Ethel C. Foster	Winter	10	13	10	3	8.00
Washington	Mildred V. Williams	Spring	9	24	18	4	9.00
	Mildred V. Williams	Fall	11	19	15	5	9.00
	Mildred V. Williams	Winter	10	15	11	3	10.00
Lakeside	Helen Adams	Spring	9	11	8	3	7.50
	Alice Smith	Fall	11	11	8	4	8.00
	Alice Smith	Winter	10	8	7	3	9.00
Franklin	Winnifred A. Mansur	Spring	9	30	25	5	10.00
	Marie Pray	Fall	11	26	23	5	9.00
	Maude B. Hewitt	Winter	10	25	23	4	10.00
McKinley	Bertha E. Bartlett	Spring	9	12	10	3	7.50
	Bertha E. Bartlett	Fall	11	11	10	4	8.00
	Bertha E. Bartlett	Winter	10	14	10	3	8.00
Lincoln	Angie O. Bartlett	Spring	9	21	17	3	8.00
	Angie O. Bartlett	Fall	9	16	14	4	8.00
	Angie O. Bartlett	Winter	10	11	10	3	8.00
Whittier	Alice S. McCormack	Spring	9	16	14	3	8.00
	Alice S. McCormack	Fall	10	15	14	4	8.00
	Ruth S. Stover	Winter	10	14	12	3	9.00
Lowell	Alberta E. Yeaton	Spring	9	11	11	3	10.00
	Alberta E. Yeaton	Fall	11	12	11	3	10.00
	Bessie M. Ferguson	Winter	9	12	11	3	10.00
New Century	Maude B. Hewitt	Spring	9	27	25	3	10.00
	Maude B. Hewitt	Fall	11	26	23	4	10.00
	Marie Pray Yeaton	Winter	10	30	27	3	9.00
High	G. B. Rollins, Principal	Spring	10	32	30	4	19.44
	Mrs. G. B. Rollins Asst.	Spring					9.00
	J. C. Haggerty, Prin.	Fall	15	29	26	6	19.44
	Helen E. Russell, Asst.	Fall					12.00
	J. C. Haggerty, Prin.	Winter	11	28		5	19.44
	Helen E. Russell, Asst.	Winter					12.00

Report of Cemetery Committee

Unexpended from 1913	\$138.13	
Appropriation	100.00	
Sale of hay	10.00	
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Expended for Labor, Mowing and Raking Yard

Paid Ernest Yeaton	\$6.75	
Paid Raymond Yeaton	6.75	
Paid Ralph Brown	5.62	
Paid Clarence Chase	8.00	
Paid Clyde Damren	2.25	
Paid Guy Yeaton	3.00	
Paid George A. P. Bucknam	11.25	
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Paid Geo. A. P. Bucknam, for care of cemeteries	\$56.75	
Painting Fence	27.50	
Pumping Water	45.00	
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Interest Received from Bequests

J. C. Mosher	\$4.00	
Fannie Rockwood	4.00	
Sadie Clough	8.00	
Cora A. Hammond	4.00	
L. J. Crooker	8.00	
L. W. Batchelder	10.00	
J. S. Dudley	12.00	
A. W. Rollins	8.00	
R. K. Stuart	4.00	
Samuel Greeley	4.00	
J. M. Chandler	6.90	
Jessie Knox	4.00	
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Amount Expended

J. C. Mosher lot	\$4.00
Fannie Rockwood lot	4.00
Sadie Clough lot	8.00
Cora A. Hammond lot	4.00
L. J. Crooker lot	8.00
L. W. Batchelder lot	10.00
J. S. Dudley lot	12.00
A. W. Rollins lot	8.00
R. K. Stuart lot	4.00
Samuel Greeley lot	4.00
J. M. Chandler lot	6.90
Jessie Knox lot	4.00
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	\$76.90
Paid E. H. Mosher for supplies	20.73
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Unexpended balance	\$54.53

GEO. A. P. BUCKNAM,
Cemetery Committee.

Warrant

To Howard E. Gowell, Constable of the town of Belgrade.

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Belgrade qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at Belgrade Grange Hall in said town on Monday, the first day of March, A. D., 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

First—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Third—To see if the town will vote to have one or more Road Commissioners.

Fourth—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Fifth—To see if the town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Sixth—To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of five hundred and thirty-three dollars [\$533.00] for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State highway commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Seventh—To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State and State aid highways during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town, under the provisions of Section 9 and 18 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Eighth—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for snow bills of the winter of 1914 and 1915.

Ninth—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Tenth—To see if the town will appropriate and raise three hundred dollars [\$300.00] to be expended on the Bog road from the Railroad Crossing to Manchester town line.

Eleventh—To see if the town will appropriate and raise eight hundred dollars [\$800.00] to be expended on the road from the section completed in 1913 near H. H. Adams to H. H. Page's.

Twelfth—To see if the town will appropriate and raise eight hundred dollars [\$800.00] to be expended on the road from the bridge at Spaulding's Mills to E. E. Rollins.

Thirteenth—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the repairs of schoolhouses.

Fourteenth—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the purchase of school books for the ensuing year.

Fifteenth—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Sixteenth—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of a Free High School for the ensuing year.

Seventeenth—To see what sum the town will vote to grant and raise for the purchase of Free High School books.

Eighteenth—To choose one member of Cemetery Committee.

Nineteenth—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for Cemetery purposes.

Twentieth—To see if the town will vote to grant and raise a sum of money for the repair of Ellis Cemetery and how much.

Twenty-first—To see if the town will vote to grant and raise one hundred and thirty-five dollars [\$135.00] for the salary of Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year.

Twenty-second—To see what sum the town will vote to grant and raise for picking brown-tail moths.

Twenty-third—To see if the town will vote to grant and raise ninety-five dollars [\$95.00] for the purchase of a Boston grader.

Twenty-fourth—To see if the town will vote to buy the building formerly occupied by H. V. Smith and land connected with same for a town hall and appropriate money for same.

Twenty-fifth—To see if the town will accept a bequest of approximately one thousand four hundred dollars [\$1,400.00] under the will of the late Theresa M. Libby to be held in trust, the income of which to be used for the perpetual care of her lot in Woodside Cemetery, and of her father, David Austin's lot, in said cemetery. Should the income from said fund be more than is necessary for the good and proper care of said lots, the balance to be used for the care of Woodside Cemetery in accordance with the best judgment of the Cemetery Committee.

Twenty-sixth—To see if the town will vote to accept a sum of money, the income of which is to be expended on lot of Reuben Wentworth.

Twenty-seventh—To see if the town will accept a sum of money to be held in trust, the income of which is to be expended on lots of Knowlton Penney and Taylor E. Penney.

Twenty-eighth—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town, if necessary.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Grange Hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Belgrade this Thirteenth day of February, A. D., 1915.

H. H. ADAMS,
L. A. BARTLETT,
D. C. STEVENS,

Selectmen of Belgrade.









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